Review of liberalisation policies

† l00l. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the situation arising out of the liberalisation of economic policies;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Liberalisation of economic policies is necessary for achieving rapid and sustainable growth. The broad theme guiding the policies and programmes of the Government is faster growth with employment and equity. Economic policies are regularly reviewed in this direction.

People under IT bracket

1002. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of income tax payers in the salaried class in the country, State-wise and Metro city-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to bring more people under IT bracket;

(c) what is the total amount of IT collected by Government in this financial year so far; and

(d) what steps are being taken to simplify the procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The total number of Income-tax payers in the salaried class is 81,40,188.

State-wise information regarding income tax payers is not maintained. However, the number of tax payers in the salaried

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.